-Soil Survey Maps

2735.-SHRI SURESH KALMADI,: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment propose to release detailed soil sur vey maps of all the State of India; and

(b) if so. how much beneficial it will prove for the cropping system and maxi mum productivity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The soil resource maps and the accompanying reports will be beneficial for knowing the extent and distribution of different soil types in the state, their crop production potentials and their limitations which need to be managed by suitable corrective measures.

Report by FAO on GATT Treaty

2736. SHRI T. VENKATRAM RED-DY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the FAO has expressed any views in regard to the impact of GATT Treaty on Food supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have strictlv considered the FAO report;

(d) if so, the outcome t^reof;

(e) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation has agreed to provide special assistance to the poor nations; and

(f) if so, the details of the assistance likely to be made available to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The Food and Agriculture Organisation has expressed the view that agricultural trade liberalization and reduction in export subsidies may lead to higher world prices for food. Production is however expected to increase in the low cost non-subsidizing countries to the extent that the higher world market prices of agricultural commodities are passed on to the producers of these countries. The reduction of agricultural output in developed countries as a whole^ would-also, help to Stimulate agricultural activity in. the developing countries.

(c) and (d) These views have been reported in FAO documents Uruguay Round Agreement—A Preliminary Assessment and Commodity Review and Outlook, 1993-94 and are in the nature of a preliminary assessment only.

(e) and (f) The FAO can extend assis-lar.cc to member countries for formulation of policies, developing policy alternatives, mobilisation of food aid, technical assistance to raise agricultural productivity, etc.. on request.

India being an important member of the FAO also qualifies for such assistance. if the need arises.

Cashew Production in Orissa

2737. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of cashew produced in Orissa according to the review made during the last three years;

vhether there is a vast scope to increase areas under cashew cultivation in that State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The rough estimate of production of cashewnut in Orissa for 1991-92 to 1993-94 is given below :—

	(Tonnes)
1991—92	31,840
1992—93	39,060
1993—94	43,420

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of India is implement-in! *r.* Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for Development of Cashew in India during the 8th Plan with a total outlay of Rs> 48.00 crores. Of this Orissa has been allocated Rs. 3.6 crores for subsidy support for :—

(i) Area expansion	3400 ha.
(ii) Replanting/Rejuvenation	500 ha.

(iii) Adoption of pest control measures	13050 ha.
(iv) Adoption of comprehensive prodcuction technology	2000 ha.
(v) Establishment of regional nurseries	3 nos.
(vi) Farmers training	400 farmers
(vii) Development of model clonal gardens.	80 plots

केन्द्रीय सहायता के आबंटन की प्रक्रियाएं

2738. श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्राकृतिक आपदा राहत शीर्ष के अंतर्गत राज्यों को केन्द्रीय सहायता के आबंटन हेतु किन-किन मानदण्डों तथा प्रक्रियाओं का अनुपालन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस वर्ष गुजरात को उक्त शीर्ष के अन्तर्गत कितनी सहायता राशि आबंटित की गई थी ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस प्रक्रिया में आमूलचूल एवं व्यावहारिक परिवर्तन करके गुजरात को और अधिक धनराशि आबंटित करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) इस प्रक्रिया में परिवर्तन करके गुजरात को विशेष सहायता कब तक दे दी जाएगी ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) राहत व्यय के वित्तपोषण की वर्तमान योजना नौवें वित्त आयोग की सिफारिशों के आधार पर 1 अप्रैल, 1990 से प्रभावी हुई। आयोग द्वारा विभिन्न राज्यों के लिए आपदा राहत निधि (सी० आर० एफ०) के अन्तर्गत वार्षिक आबंटन की मात्रा 1988-89 को समाप्त 10 वर्षों के दौरान स्वीकृत व्यय की औसतन सीमा के आधार पर निर्धारित की गई।

(ख) आपदा राहत निधि के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों के लिए 804 करोड़ रुपये के वार्षिक आबंटन की व्यवस्था की गई है, जिसमें केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा क्रमशः 75% तथा 25% का योगदान दिया गया है। गुजरात के लिए 85.00 करोड़ रुपये की आपदा राहत निधि का आबंटन किया गया है जिसमें केन्द्र का योगदान 63.75 करोड़ रुपये और राज्य सरकार का 21.25 करोड़ रुपये का है।

(ग) से (ङ) दसवें वित्त आयोग ने आपदा राहत निधि के तहत किए गए वार्षिक आबंटनों सहित विद्यमान योजना की समीक्षा की है और भारत सरकार को अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है। इन सिफारिशों के आधार पर क्रियान्वित की गई योजना गुजरात सहित सभी राज्यों पर लागू होगी।

Production of Milk

2739. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is lagging far behind in production of milk in proportion to its requirement arid production of synthetic milk is! going on a large scale which is playing with the health and life of people; and

(b) if so, whether milk will be declared a priority sector to increase its production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) As against the nutritional requirement of 220 grams of milk per head per day, the production was 188 grams in 1993-94 and it is expected to be 208 grams in 1996-97 (the terminal year of 8th five year plan). The Milk and milk products order ensures the marketing of quality milk in the country.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to declare production of milk as a priority sector.

Seed Research Centres

2740. SHRI RAIENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of seed research centres working in the country;

(b) the names of the places where these centres have been set up;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a Seed Research Centre in Rajasthan also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research is sponsoring Seed Technology research under